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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

CATHERINE A. BERRY,
Plaintiff,

v.

AIR FORCE CENTRAL WELFARE
FUND; AIR FORCE INSURANCE
FUND,
Defendants.

Case No. 2:21-cv-01977-JCM-BNW

**Defendants' Motion for Extension of
Time
(First Request)**

Defendants AIR FORCE CENTRAL WELFARE FUND and AIR FORCE INSURANCE FUND, move for a 21-day extension of time—from February 14, 2022 to March 7, 2022—to respond to Plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney fees. (ECF No. 8).

An extension is warranted because defense counsel's office recently lost a number of attorneys and staff. (Vance Decl. ¶ 3). As a result, defense counsel is handling a higher-than-normal caseload. (*Id.*). Additionally, only a limited number of attorneys and support staff may work in defense counsel's office at any given time due to the pandemic, thereby slowing the time it takes to process and complete required tasks. (*Id.*). Finally, defense counsel's calendar is busier than normal with multiple filing deadlines in several cases, including one before the Ninth Circuit. (*Id.*). Under the circumstances, good cause exists to

1 extend the deadline for Defendants to respond to Plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney
 2 fees. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b)(1)(A) ("When an act may or must be done within a specified
 3 time, the court may, *for good cause*, extend the time...with or without motion or notice if the
 4 court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its extension expires[.]")
 5 (emphasis added).

6 This is Defendants' first request for an extension of time. *See* LR IA 6-1(a) (must
 7 advise of previous extensions). Defense counsel contacted Plaintiff's counsel regarding this
 8 extension request, but she has not yet heard back from him. (Vance Decl. ¶ 4). This motion
 9 is made in good faith and not for the purpose of undue delay. (*Id.*).

10 DATED: February 14, 2022

11 CHRISTOPHER CHIOU
 12 Acting United States Attorney

13 /s/ Holly A. Vance
 14 HOLLY A. VANCE
 15 Assistant U.S. Attorney
 16 Attorney for Defendants

17 **ORDER**

18 Good cause shown, IT IS ORDERED
 19 that ECF No. 11 is GRANTED.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED

21 DATED: 11:16 am, February 15, 2022

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23 BREND A WEKSLER
 24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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